Stakeholder Involvement

Stakeholder involvement requires effectively informing and educating the community, decision makers, and the media so that meaningful dialogue can ensue based on an accurate and thorough understanding of the issues. A public that is well informed regarding the transportation decision-making process will be a more effective partner in shaping the future for their community.

To maximize the benefit of public involvement, stakeholders should be involved throughout the planning process. A stakeholder is anyone who may be affected by a planning study or project. A stakeholder can be a property owner, a public agency, a community based organization, or an interested party. Including stakeholders throughout the planning process will:

- 1. Enhance decision-making
- 2. Encourage community members to share their views regarding transportation issues
- 3. Lead to the development of better products and services
- 4. Create projects that better reflect the interest and needs of the affected communities

The following list includes the ARTA working group and committee meetings as well as public workshops and public hearings. These meetings provide an opportunity for all interested parties to become informed, be involved, and collaborate.

Date	Location	Meeting Type	Date	Location	Meeting Type
10/18/04	Chester	Working Group	04/19/06	Chester	Executive Steering Committee
11/08/04	Chester	Working Group	05/17/06	Chester	Working Group
12/20/04	Chester	Working Group	06/08/06	Chester	Working Group
02/28/05	Chester	Executive Steering Committee	06/16/06	Susanville	Executive Steering Committee
03/11/05	Chester	Working Group	08/17/06	Chester	Working Group
04/06/05	Chico	Butte County Association of Governments	08/24/06	Chester	Public Workshop
05/02/05	Chester	Working Group	09/27/06	Chester	Working Group
05/12/05	Susanville	Executive Steering Committee	10/18/06	Chester	Working Group
08/03/05	Chester	Public Workshop	10/31/06	Chester	Executive Steering Committee
08/19/05	Chester	Working Group	12/13/06	Susanville	Executive Steering Committee
08/31/05	Chester	Executive Steering Committee	12/20/06	Teleconference	Working Group
09/26/05	Chester	Working Group	01/30/07	Chester	Working Group
10/19/05	Chester	Working Group	02/14/07	Chester	Executive Steering Committee
11/29/05	Chester	Working Group	10/24/07	Chester	Working Group
01/25/06	Chester	Working Group	11/26/07	Susanville	Executive Steering Committee
01/31/06	Susanville	Executive Steering Committee	TBD*	Susanville	Lassen County Local Transportation Com.
02/23/06	Chester	Working Group	TBD*	Quincy	Plumas County Local Transportation Com.
03/24/06	Chester	Working Group	TBD*	Susanville	Lassen County Board of Supervisors
04/13/06	Chester	Working Group	TBD*	Quincy	Plumas County Board of Supervisors

^{*}Meeting dates to be determined.

Two public workshops have been held in Chester, California. The first workshop was held on August 3, 2005, and the second workshop was on August 24, 2006. In addition to the individuals that participated in the public workshops, the following groups, agencies, and organizations were represented in this effort as well.

Represented Groups, Agencies, and Organizations					
Susanville Indian Rancheria	Lassen County Local Transportation Commission				
Chester Progressive News	Lassen County Department of Public Works				
Lake Almanor Associates	Lassen County Community Development Department				
Feather River Resource Conservation District	Plumas County Planning Commission				
Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee	Plumas County Board of Supervisors				
Dyer Mountain Associates, LLC.	Plumas County Local Transportation Commission				
Mountain Meadows Conservancy	Plumas County Department of Public Works				
Chester Elementary School	Plumas County Planning and Building Services				
Feather River Rock	Caltrans, District 2				
Lassen County Board of Supervisors					

In order to reach a variety of stakeholders, multiple methods of outreach were used including newspaper advertisements, radio announcements, and television announcements. Mailings were sent to community-based organizations, Native American Tribes, chamber business members, and community members who had attended prior transportation related workshops.

This website has also been created and maintained for public use. The website includes study information, maps, study documents, and contact information.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Almanor Regional Transportation Assessment (ARTA), please contact me at scott_white@dot.ca.gov.